

REGISTER TO VOTE!

- **IF YOU ARE:** A US CITIZEN **AND**
- ARE A RESIDENT OF NORTH CAROLINA & THIS COUNTY FOR **30** DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION **AND**
- ARE AT LEAST **18** YEARS OF AGE **BY THE NEXT GENERAL** ELECTION **AND**
- ARE **NOT** REGISTERED IN ANY OTHER COUNTY OR STATE **AND**
- **IF** CONVICTED OF A FELONY, YOUR RIGHTS OF CITIZENSHIP HAVE BEEN RESTORED

Voter Registration forms are available from:

- County Board offices
- Social Services, Mental Health, Employment Security Commission and the County Libraries
- Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) when applying, renewing or updating your Drivers License

ALL REGISTRATIONS AND CHANGES MUST BE COMPLETED 25 DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION!

THESE TRANSACTIONS MAY BE COMPLETED IN PERSON OR BY MAIL!

VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

First Time Voters who register by mail, **must** provide proof of identity at some point in the process:

At the time of registration OR when you vote in person OR when you vote by mail.

ACCEPTED IDENTIFICATION IS:

- **Current & Valid ID**
- **Copy of Bank Statement**
- **Paycheck**
- **Utility Bill**
- **Other government document showing name & address of voter**

ELECTION TERMINOLOGY

Municipal Election – An election held for towns, cities or other special districts. These elections are held in odd-numbered years. Only residents of these municipalities and districts are eligible to vote in these elections.

Primary Election – An election which nominates candidates to the ballot for the General Election. Primary elections are held in even-numbered years prior to the general election.

General Election – A non-municipal election which elects candidates to office. General elections are held in even-numbered years.

Political Party - An organization of voters which supports a political view, and is recognized by the State Board of Elections

Non-Partisan Election - An election where candidates do not run as a nominee of a political party. Judicial elections are non-partisan as well as most municipal elections.

Partisan Election – An election where the candidates must be a nominee of a recognized political party or otherwise qualify.

Unaffiliated - Choice to not register with a political party.

Absentee Voting - Voting by mail or One-Stop prior to Election Day.

One-Stop Voting - Voting in a time frame, in person, prior to Election Day.

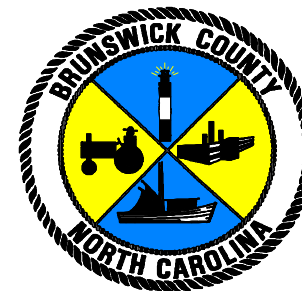
No-Excuse Voting - No longer needing an excuse to vote by mail or One-Stop method.

Near Relative - By election law, spouse, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, sibling, step-child, in-law (father, mother, son or daughter).



BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

VOTER GUIDE



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Website: <http://www.co.brunswick.nc.us/boel.asp>

NO-EXCUSE ABSENTEE VOTING

Once upon a time, you had to have a reason to vote Absentee by Mail. That is no longer true. No excuse is needed for mail out ballots or One Stop in person.

To vote [Absentee by mail](#), you need to submit the required request form to the Board of Elections. The form can be obtained from the county Board of Elections office. A near relative can make the request on your behalf. Requests are accepted 50 days prior and up to the Tuesday before election day. Mail-in ballot will be sent upon receipt of a valid request. Mail-in ballots returned by 5 pm on the day before the election in order to be counted.

To vote [One-Stop in person](#), you need to appear in-person at a prescribed location, complete an application and cast your ballot. The time frame for One-Stop voting is the 3rd Thursday before an election through Saturday before the election. Contact the Board of Elections for prescribed times and locations.

17 YEAR OLDS

A voter who is 17 years of age may vote in a primary election. If you are 17 and will be 18 years of age by the date of the next general election, you may register to vote.

PROVISIONAL VOTING AND CHALLENGED BALLOTS

Sometimes the eligibility of the voter is questioned. When this happens provisional ballots are made available to the individual. Provisional ballots consist of a paper ballot and an envelope. The voter votes on the paper ballot and then seals it within the envelope. There is an application on the envelope which the individual is required to complete. Precinct Officials will assist and direct the completion of the application. The residence and right to vote of a voter can also be challenged prior to election day or at the polls on election day. The law sets out the challenge procedure and the voter may be allowed to vote a challenged ballot. The challenge must be made in good faith.

CURBSIDE VOTING

Voters who are confined to wheelchairs may enter the voting site and vote. The voting machines are designed for wheel chair use. Voters who can travel to the voting site but are unable to leave the confines of their vehicle due to age, physical disability or other health reasons may vote from their vehicle at the voting site. Someone on behalf of voter enters the voting place and informs the precinct officials of the voter's inclination to vote curbside. A precinct official will bring the voting machine and other applicable forms to voter in the vehicle. Curbside voting is available during the prescribed hours of voting.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primaries are elections in which voters of a party nominate candidates to be on the general election ballot as the nominee of that party. Primaries are partisan elections which means a voter will vote for a candidate who is of the same political affiliation as the voter. Unaffiliated voters may vote in the primary of their choice under current law and the permission of the parties..



IF YOU MOVE.....

If you have a change of address and/or a name change, it is important for [YOU](#) to let the County Board of Elections know. Sometimes when a voter moves, the voter's jurisdictional assignments will change. Jurisdictional assignments are geographical lines marking precincts, towns, districts and so forth. If the voter's jurisdictional assignments change the voter will need to be at the new polling place to vote. **ALL ADDRESS AND NAME CHANGES MUST BE COMPLETED 25 DAYS PRIOR TO AN ELECTION SO THAT ADDITIONAL DELAYS CAN BE AVOIDED!**

When a voter misses the deadline to update their voter registration record delays are certain to be present. Precinct transfers are available to the voter but the paperwork will be timely.



If you are interested in becoming a precinct official, please contact the Brunswick County Board of Elections office for further information.